

(1) In accordance with the provisions of § 32-8-42, Code of Ala. 1975, the department shall refuse issuance of certificate of title if the vehicle was not manufactured to comply with federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations governing safety, emissions, and anti-theft standards in effect at the time of manufacture, and has not subsequently been modified to comply with the standards.

(2) An application for an Alabama certificate of title for such an imported vehicle must be accompanied by the following documents prior to titling in Alabama:

(a) Authentic source of ownership document. **In accordance with §32-8-36, Code of Ala. 1975, and administrative rule 810-5-75-.34, the owner is required to obtain a title under surety bond when the source of ownership document from another country does not disclose security interests in the motor vehicle.**

(b) English translations for all documents written exclusively in a foreign language.

(c) At least one of the following United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) forms with a customs release:

1. CBP Form 7501.
2. CBP Form 368.
3. CBP Form 3311.
4. CBP Form 6059B.
5. CBP Form 7523.
6. CBP Form 3461.
7. Equivalent CBP Form as determined by the department.

(d) United States Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) HS-7 Declaration Form (Importation of Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Equipment Subject to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety, Bumper and Theft Prevention Standards) if applicable.

(e) Original Bond Release Letter (if applicable) from NHTSA.

(f) The Manufacturer's Confirmation Letter (if applicable) or Environmental Protection Agency Form 3520-1.

(g) Any additional requirements specified on the NHTSA HS-7 Declaration Form.

(3) Military personnel or U.S. residents returning from a foreign country may present CBP Form 3299, Declaration for Title Entry of Unaccompanied Articles with an electronic Customs stamp in lieu of CBP Form 7501. CBP Form 3299 is used only when the vehicle has been titled in the United States, exported, and subsequently imported. The vehicle make and vehicle identification number (VIN) must be specified on the CBP 3299. When CBP form 3299 is submitted, NHTSA HS-7 Declaration Form is not required.

(4) Motor vehicles that are originally manufactured to conform to all applicable federal safety, emissions, and anti-theft prevention standards, and bear a label to that effect, permanently affixed by the original manufacturer, may be imported without restriction.

(5) Motor vehicles that are 25 model years old and older are not subject to federal safety, emissions, and anti-theft prevention standards can be titled and registered with proper ownership documentation. However, motor vehicles that are 35 model years old and older are exempt from titling.

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